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Applicant: Bob Lamoureux Confirmation No.: 3438
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Title: ELECTRONIC COMMERCE INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM

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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

Applicant substantially agrees with the Examiner's reasons for allowance in the Office Action, subject to the comments herein. Applicant would like to emphasize, and assumes that the Examiner intended to so state, that the combination of elements in each of the allowed claims, independent and dependent, are patentably distinguishable over the prior art when each claim is interpreted as a whole.

Applicant provides no opinion with respect to interpreting the references cited by the Examiner, and therefore, does not concede to the Examiner's interpretation of same, as permitted under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.104(e), particularly since the Examiner does not respond to an Applicant's Response to Reasons for Allowance. Applicant would like to clarify that the only interpretation that Applicant will accept or agrees with is the interpretation that one of ordinary skill in the art would understand from the prior art references.

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